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ANDOVER HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES MENINGITIS VACCINE AVAILABILITY

The Andover Health Department has announced that it will once again offer the meningococcal vaccine named Menactra to graduating high school seniors and others attending college in the Fall of 2007. This program is based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation that college students, particularly freshmen living in dormitories, be educated about meningitis and the benefits of vaccination.

The meningitis vaccine will be offered at the Andover Health Department, 36 Bartlet St., by appointment only, during the summer months. Arrangements may be made by calling 978-623-8295 to set up an appointment. A consent form will be mailed at that time.

The cost for the vaccination is \$90.00; the vaccine will be ordered from the pharmaceutical company when the signed consent form and pre-payment in the form of a check made out to the Town of Andover are returned to the Health Department.

The student will receive a proof of immunization form to submit to college, as well as one for his/her doctor, and a receipt, which can then be submitted for insurance reimbursement, if covered by your insurance policy.

As the Health Department can not get involved with insurance issues nor guarantee reimbursement, it is recommended that residents first ask if the vaccination is available through their physician and then consult their insurance company to ask about its policy on reimbursement.